- 122. The method of claim 107, wherein said method further comprises determining a workload weight distribution for each of said storage devices or partitioned group of storage devices based at least in part on said monitored number of outstanding I/O requests for each storage device or partitioned group of storage devices.
- 123. An I/O resource management system capable of managing I/O resources in an information delivery environment, comprising:

an I/O resource model capable of modeling utilization of at least one of said I/O resources; and

an I/O resource manager in communication with said I/O resource model, said I/O resource manager being capable of managing at least one of said I/O resources based at least in part on said modeled utilization.

- 124. The system of claim 123, wherein said I/O resource model is capable of modeling utilization of at least one of said I/O resources based at least in part on at least one of said system I/O performance characteristics associated with said I/O resources.
- 125. The system of claim 124, wherein the value of at least one of said system I/O performance characteristics is estimated.
- 126. The system of claim 124, wherein said I/O resource management system further comprises at least one I/O resource monitor in communication with at least one of said I/O resource manager or said I/O resource model, said I/O resource monitor being capable of monitoring the value of at least one of said system I/O performance characteristics.

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- 127. The system of claim 123, wherein said I/O resources comprise at least one of file system resources, storage system resources, or a combination thereof.
- The system of claim 123, wherein said information delivery environment comprises delivery of continuous media data from an information management system in communication with said I/O resource management system; wherein said I/O resources comprise I/O capacity and buffer memory space of said information management system; and wherein said I/O resource manager is capable of balancing said I/O capacity with said buffer memory space to ensure uninterrupted delivery of said continuous media data.
 - 129. The system of claim 128, wherein said information management system comprises a storage system, said storage system including said I/O resources and having at least one storage device or at least one partitioned group of storage devices.
 - 130. The system of claim 129, wherein said information delivery environment comprises delivery of continuous media data from said information management system to a network; and wherein said information management system comprises a content delivery system configured to be coupled to a network.
- 131. The system of claim 130, wherein said content delivery system is configured to be coupled to a network at an endpoint of said network.
 - 132. The system of claim 129, wherein said I/O resource manager is capable of allocating at least one of said I/O resources between background system I/O activities and delivery of said continuous media data.

133. The system of claim 132, wherein said I/O resource management system further comprises at least one I/O resource monitor in communication with at least one of said I/O resource manager or said I/O resource model, said I/O resource monitor being capable of monitoring background system processing activity; and wherein said I/O resource manager is capable of allocating said at least one of said I/O resources between background system I/O activities and delivery of said continuous media data based at least in part on said monitored background system processing activity.

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134. The system of claim 129, wherein said I/O resource manager is capable of at least one of performing I/O admission control, determining read-ahead size, or a combination thereof.

135. The system of claim 128, wherein said I/O resource model comprises an analytical-based resource model.

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- 136. The system of claim 128, wherein said I/O resource management system further comprises at least one I/O resource monitor in communication with said I/O resource model; and wherein said I/O resource model comprises a measurement-based resource model.
- 25 137. An I/O resource management system capable of managing I/O resources for delivery of continuous media data to a plurality of viewers from a storage system including at least one storage device or at least one partitioned group of storage devices, said system comprising:
- an I/O resource monitor, said I/O resource monitor being capable of monitoring at least one of said system I/O performance characteristics associated with said I/O resources: